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## THE EDITORIAL OUTLOOK

### *Prayer for a Time of Turmoil*

Amid the turmoil of the tempest's din  
When systems shake and nations rent in twain  
Become a holocaust of fear and sin,  
Lord, let us hear Thy still small voice again.  
A glorious company of sainted souls  
Have stood in every age alone with Thee  
To wrest from earthquake's havoc and the coals  
A new world and a nobler destiny.  
Lord, hearing Thee above the sound of strife,  
More gleaming in Thy greatness than the fire,  
Let my small voice in stillness speak Thy life,  
Its whisper blending in Thy mighty choir;  
And from unstirred quiescence grant release,  
That through the noise and fire may come Thy  
peace.

*Georgia Harkness*

### *The Church in a World at War*

After the special meeting of the Federal Council's Executive Committee on October 6 a statement may be expected setting forth its carefully considered judgment as to the position which the American churches should hold in the face of the war. A process of extensive consultation in the preparation of a statement which will afford the most helpful guidance has been under way during the past month.

One fact which should lend distinct significance to such a statement is that the Federal

Council of Churches is not a merely national body. It includes one great denomination, the United Church of Canada, (which became affiliated with the Council in 1933) located in a country actually at war. The constituency of the Council therefore includes Christians who are eager that their country, the United States, shall remain at peace, and Christians of a sister-country, Canada, already involved in the terrible struggle. The churches of the United States and the churches of Canada therefore epitomize, in a limited way, the problem of maintaining a supra-national outlook in time of war.

The most crucial issue now before the Church in every nation is whether it can maintain a truly ecumenical spirit and preserve the bond of a world-wide fellowship at a time of intense political cleavages and strains. Now is the time when we need to recall every day the prophetic words of the Oxford Conference of 1937 and the Madras Conference of 1938:

"If war breaks out, then preeminently the Church must manifestly be the Church, still united as the one Body of Christ, though the nations wherein it is planted fight each other, consciously offering the same prayers that God's Name may be hallowed, His Kingdom come, and His Will be done in both, or all, the warring nations. This fellowship of prayer must at all costs remain unbroken." (Oxford)

"Once plunged into modern warfare in which all the resources of the State are mobilized, men can do comparatively little to remedy the situation. Christians should, nevertheless, refuse to accept a break in fellowship, and should use every material and spiritual means to cherish their sense of brotherhood in Christ. Moreover, in the very course of war Christians of the conflicting

nations and the whole ecumenical fellowship should pray and strive for peace, not the mere cessation of hostilities, but the establishment of just relationships." (Madras)

### *A Truly Christ-like Service*

The plan, outlined on another page of the BULLETIN, by which a local church can befriend a specific refugee family and help it to become settled in the community is one of the most appealing opportunities for Christian service today. No longer need any church feel that the refugee problem is vague and impersonal; it becomes as concrete as Herr and Frau Johann Schmidt, who have arrived as refugees at the port of New York, who are eager to leave that center where most of the refugees are concentrated and to find their permanent home in some friendly community. The First Church of Welcome City, after due inquiry, can now invite the kindly German couple (whose only fault is either that they could not conscientiously accept the Nazi regime or that they have Jewish blood—perhaps only one-quarter—in their veins) to make their home there and enter into the community life. The church further agrees to do all it can to help the family to a basis of self-support in the new home. Could there be a greater opportunity for personal Christ-like service in the spirit of the Good Samaritan?

The total number of German refugees, both Jewish and Christian, now coming to our shores is limited by law to approximately 30,000 a year. Distributed across the nation, they would nowhere be numerous enough to be a burden to any community. On the contrary, they would be economic and cultural assets. Most of these refugees, it must be remembered, come from the finest German circles. They are educators, artists, musicians, physicians, nurses, business men, authors, scientists. The world-famous scientist Albert Einstein, the theological scholar Paul J. Tillich, the literary figure Thomas Mann, the municipal planning expert Max Brauer, the singer Lotte Lehman—these are refugees!

A concrete case, known personally to the editor, illustrates what a local church might do. Professor S—who lately arrived in America from Austria and is now looking for a permanent

home in some friendly town—is a talented organist, composer and teacher of music. He was on the faculty of the Vienna Conservatory and chief organist in a Vienna church. Surely there is some congregation in America which would welcome his coming into its midst and could find for him a position as an organist or secure pupils in music for him. And the church would be richly blessed in return.

THE BULLETIN welcomes correspondence from churches which are interested in rendering this ministry of Christian love to a refugee family (Christian or Jewish, as may be preferred) and believes that many churches will rejoice in the opportunity.

### *Again—the University Mission*

"As goes Oxford so goes England" was true of 18th century England and the truth for which the famous quotation stands is likely to be equally valid for 20th century America. As go our colleges and universities so will the nation go. This consideration it is which gives such high significance to the University Christian Mission, a united effort to bring the message of Christ persuasively to the attention of students across the country and to make Christianity a more vital force in modern education.

This month the Mission, sponsored by the Federal Council's Department of Evangelism with the active collaboration of the boards of education of the churches, the Student Christian Associations and the Student Volunteer Movement, enters upon a second year. Between now and Easter a group of interpreters of the Christian Gospel will spend a week on each of about twenty great campuses.

The Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions reported that in January of this year 105 new applications were received from young men and women for missionary service—the largest number in any month for many years. Dr. Herrick Young, personnel secretary of the Board, who shared in the leadership of the University Mission in 1938-1939, attributes this record largely to the influence of the Mission in turning the thought of students into more Christian channels.

A writer in the *Christian Herald* last May who went to the University of Illinois to investigate what the Mission had meant says:

"I wandered about the campus, through the stores and over endless Coca-Colas discussed the effect of the conference with all and sundry. And here I learned what to me was an outstanding benefit: the conference had made religion a matter of ordinary conversation and table talk!"

"I don't know whose idea it was to take these Missions to college youth, but whoever it was should be awarded a medal for distinguished cerebration. In my opinion it was a tactical maneuver worthy of a general's genius and might easily turn out to be the single stroke needed to usher in that religious awakening for which we've been looking."

### *For a Revival of Temperance Education*

A day in the Christian year which no alert church can afford to overlook is World Temperance Sunday—October 29th this year. Surveying the present riot of drinking, and especially its increase among youth, any thoughtful observer is bound to conclude that a public awakening to its evils is sure to come. A widespread observance of World Temperance Sunday can contribute to its coming.

The spirit of the day is appropriately indicated in these words of Dr. Albert W. Palmer:

"We know more about alcohol today than any generation has ever known. We know something of its effect upon the mental life of people. We know the effect it has in landing people in state mental hospitals. We recognize the way in which it paralyzes the upper levels of the brain, puts judgment out of gear, makes people liable to get into not only automobile accidents but into grave moral accidents as well."

"Shall we be indifferent to a brazen liquor traffic that comes back without having learned anything and seeks once more to put the mark of alcoholic liquor slavery upon our country? Or shall the Church awaken anew with a deeper understanding and a truer and more profound message about the menace of alcohol as an individual and racial and social poison, and do something to restrain this vast and growing evil in the civilization of today?"

It is hardly less than a tragedy that temperance education has so small a place in the educational program of the churches today. Most of our readers will recall the lessons that they

themselves once received in the Sunday school and the church. As Bishop Edwin H. Hughes says,

" . . . We must admit that much of our past teaching was deficient. But the boys and girls did get the main fact,—that alcohol scalded every inch of the body that it traversed, and, moving to the brain as its goal, confused it away from its function and left life a rudderless ship at the mercy of the rocks and shoals."

October 29 is a good time to begin a revival of temperance education in the churches.

Allied Youth, Inc., National Education Association Building, Washington, D. C., offers a special packet of materials for Temperance Sunday for ten cents.

### *A New Kind of United Communion Service*

The Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. for the past two years has promoted the observance of the first Sunday in October as a World-Wide Communion Sunday. The aim has been to unite the members of that church in all lands in a sense of fellowship around the Lord's Table, and also to secure a deeper spiritual note in what has often been regarded as "Rally Day."

Prompted by the reports as to what the observance has meant to Presbyterians, the Federal Council's Department of Evangelism is suggesting that the day be observed simultaneously in all denominations. The proposal is that on October 1 this year a beginning be made on a national basis, as the first feature of the year's preparation for the National Christian Mission, which is to be launched in October, 1940. A year hence, when the Mission is just beginning, it is hoped that the observance may become nation-wide and even world-wide.

There are many groups of Christians who cannot conscientiously join with others in a union communion service, but there is no Christian who would not rejoice in the spiritual fellowship involved in sharing in the supreme act of Christian worship at the same time as Christians of all other churches in all parts of the world. Moreover, this type of observance does not take anyone away from his own accustomed house of worship; on the contrary, it provides a new incentive for him to go thither by making him more deeply conscious, as he comes to the Lord's Supper on that day, of his unity in Christ with all who bear His name.

# The American Churches and the War

*By REV. GEORGE A. BUTTRICK*

*Radio address over the facilities of the National Broadcasting Company,  
September 8, 1939*

THOUGH President of the Federal Council of Churches I am not now speaking their official word, which doubtless soon will be issued. This word is mine, and its responsibility. But I think it measurably reflects the mind of goodwill of our American Protestantism in the light thus far given us and as we wait fuller light. . . .

*First*, we shall do well to *keep unbroken our worldwide Christian fellowship*. War's hatreds must not sever the bonds by which Christians everywhere are bound to one another and to God. It is a cheering fact that in these recent years, when nations have been hostile and sundered, the Christian churches have held world conferences (which nations have not held) and that there Christians from all lands have met in instant mutual trust. We must keep these bonds: they are the true girding of mankind. If Christ is Truth, as we firmly believe, He cannot be merely parochial or national Truth: He is Truth for the world, and all men are truly one in Him.

*Second*, American Protestantism must *lead the nation to repent, forbear, forgive, and in every word and work of reconciliation*. The command of Christ still holds that we should "love one another". This does not mean ever that we should condone evil, but rather that we should renounce evil. It means that we should resist propaganda and refuse all hatred—a requirement resting especially on ministers, since their utterance is credited to the whole Church, and may, if it is violent or unseemly, bring the cause of Christ into disrepute. It means—this command that we "love one another"—that we acknowledge our sins, for politics of power and possession are not one nation's monopoly but the whole world's virus of guilty disease. It means that we strive to understand the history and divergent viewpoint and peculiar difficulties of every land. It means that we try to find and face the causes of war which lie deeper far than the immediate occasions of war. It means that we should be charitable in judgment, cleaving meanwhile to the right, and that we should be resolute in goodwill.

*Third*, American Protestantism must *enter into the fellowship of suffering with the millions on both sides of every battle line*. We should abhor profiteering, especially profiteering in arms and blood, and hold any government renegade that does not try effectively to curb it. Instead we should seek to lighten the world's tragic burden. I find myself wishing (again it is a private word for which I take private responsibility) that our churches might find some clearcut means to minister to prisoners of war, to discourage reprisals, to comfort refugees everywhere, and by reconstruction units to rebuild shattered homes and cities. Ships at sea listen every half-hour

for any S.O.S. and are required to respond, whatever the nationality of the ship in peril, whatever the nationality of the ship which hears the call. If our churches could thus respond through practical service and the spirit of goodwill we could look back on this conflict unashamed. That would be an "entanglement" consonant with our best destiny and for which all mankind would bless us.

*Fourth*, our American Protestantism will do well to *strengthen our government's purpose to keep us out of war*. But our motives must be clear. It is very easy to be neutral from base motives. We must be neutral from high and costly motives; not for physical safety, not in the attempt to maintain an impossible isolation from world problems, assuredly not for commercial gain, but rather because we know war is futile and because we are eager through reconciliation to build a kindlier world. Let us remind ourselves constantly that war has been proved futile. Twenty-five years ago we tried by means of war to "make the world safe for democracy." Now the world tries once more to cure hate by means of hate, to mend killing by multiplied killing. Twenty-five years hence our children may be fighting against other coercions, bred of the hatreds and povertyes of war, different only in name from present coercions, unless a worthier spirit and a nobler planning enter world affairs. Let us remain neutral, not selfishly, but as a people dedicated to that "magnificent obsession" of a kindlier world. Humbly penitent for our share in the world's guilt and suffering, staunchly maintaining those civil liberties vouchsafed to all under our Constitution, unperjured by propaganda or profiteering, let us keep peace in this land where men of all lands live in comradeship so that we may bring peace to all mankind.

*Fifth*, we can pray. True prayer is not a last resort. It is not an escape. It is not a plea for security. It is a beseeching that God's compassionate will may be done among men. It is a spiritual force stronger than all armies. It is a healing serum injected into the one body of mankind of which all nations are members and of which Christ is the Head. Quietly it overcomes areas of dark infection and disease. It is the antidote of hate and the overcoming of violence. Our worship during these critical times should acknowledge the kinship of all nations; our churches should be filled with the Spirit of Him who is the world's peace; our altars should be places of earnest and unremitting intercession. This is the nobler energy for lack of which the world is arid and torn. Let us pray and pray again in home, in business, in church; and let us then strive to live more nearly as we pray. Thus, "may the God of peace lead us into all peace."

# The Canadian Churches in War-Time

(On September 8, the Moderator of the United Church of Canada, Right Rev. John W. Woodside, addressed a message to all the ministers of the United Church of Canada which is so impressive that the BULLETIN gives its text in full.—EDITOR.)

**I**N the tragic circumstances in which we live I am moved to send you a letter of encouragement in the supremely important work which is committed to us all in time of war. It is no light thing to be a Minister of the Gospel at any time; but in days like these it is testing beyond words. No man can endure it save with the help of God.

"In the first place, it is our task to reaffirm our faith in the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ—that God, who is the God of the End; and thus keep alive in our people a sense of the Unseen and of indestructible spiritual values. The Church should be a haven of quiet, in which worshipping people may be enabled to lift up their eyes to the hills, where He dwells who keeps our souls and to view their experience in the light of the Eternal. Let no passions or fears turn us from the steady pursuit of this high task.

"In the second place, we have to keep alive a sense of the underlying unity of all Christian people in the Beloved Community of the Worldwide and Invisible Church. Thus, while hating evil things, we shall deliver our minds from the malice which war so incessantly and increasingly breeds, and be prepared for the day of healing when peace shall come.

"In the third place, we must affirm for ourselves and

our brethren the paramount authority of conscience under the leadership of Christ. We are at war with a power which seems to disregard conscience; and we must not fall into what we hold to be its error. We must not deny our share in the common sin of mankind, but we believe that at this moment we are opposing ideas that are manifestly evil. All the more we must keep our standards high. Let us, therefore, search the Scriptures and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit that we may determine our own attitude, and so lead our people.

"In the fourth place, we must encourage and lead our people in every practical effort of comfort and healing for those who are in danger and those who suffer at home and overseas. At this time no man liveth unto himself. All that we are and have must be given to mitigate the anguish to which all are exposed.

"Of these tasks, let us above all remember the first—'in quietness and confidence is your strength.' With repentance, faith, and courage let us continue to proclaim the Gospel of Christ and carry on a Christian ministry of unceasing prayer. Our people will be strong to endure only if they can rest assured that God is their strength; and only thus will they be able to rebuild when the present troubles are overpast, and the evil things which now darken our world are ended."

## Facing War-Time Problems

**W**HEN the threat of war became acute the President of the Federal Council of Churches, Rev. Dr. George A. Buttrick, issued a special call for nation-wide prayer on Sunday, August 27.

The Federal Council's Department of International Justice and Goodwill met in special session on September 6 to take counsel upon the situation, and prepared a statement setting forth its judgment as to the position which should now be taken by the churches. This statement was communicated to the Federal Council's Executive Committee for further consideration at a largely-attended meeting on September 22, with about sixty representatives of the churches in attendance. The Executive Committee devoted the day to a careful review of the present situation. Instead of issuing a statement hastily, the Executive Committee decided to hold a special meeting on October 6 for further discussion. The Committee felt that the delay in time would be more than compensated for by the larger measure of agreement which might be developed for the guidance of the churches.

On the evening of September 8, at the invitation of the National Broadcasting Company, Dr. Buttrick, Pres-

ident of the Federal Council, gave a radio message over a national network on "The American Churches and the War." Dr. Buttrick's statement, setting forth his personal convictions, is printed on another page of the BULLETIN.

On September 29, at the call of the Federal Council's Department of International Justice and Goodwill, there is to be a conference of the various agencies interested in war-time relief. This will include the National Council of the Y.M.C.A., which is now investigating the possibilities of launching a program of service to prisoners of war along the lines of its remarkable ministry during the World War; the American Committee for Christian German Refugees; the Church Committee for China Relief; The American Friends Service Committee, which is carrying on a reconstruction project in Spain; and the American Red Cross, which will doubtless be called upon to carry on an extensive work in behalf of those wounded in war. The purpose of the conference is to secure an effective coördination of all of these important interests in their approach to the churches.

The memorandum on "The Churches and the Inter-

national Crisis," prepared at an international conference of lay experts and ecumenical leaders held in Geneva, Switzerland, in July, under the auspices of the Provisional Committee of the World Council of Churches, is receiving exceptional attention. Already several printings of it have had to be made in order to meet the demand. It is made available by the Federal Council's Department of International Justice and Goodwill, at 10 cents per copy, 15 copies for \$1.00, special rates for larger quantities.

### Six Points for Peace

The National Peace Conference, at an emergency meeting on September 6, adopted the following six-point

program to be recommended to its thirty-nine national member organizations and thirty-two community peace councils as the basis for immediate education and action:

1. Keep the United States out of war.
2. Initiate continuous conference of neutral nations to procure a just peace.
3. Work for permanent world government as the basis of peace and security.
4. Prevent exploitation of war for private gain.
5. Recognize and analyze propaganda to prevent warped judgments and unjust animosities.
6. Strengthen American democracy through solving pressing domestic problems and vigorously safeguarding civil liberties.

## Local Churches to Help Resettle Refugees

**A**T the request of the national agencies which are carrying on work in behalf of German refugees, both Christian and Jewish, The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America is now undertaking to enlist the coöperation of local churches in a plan for helping refugee families to find a self-respecting and self-supporting place in the life of American communities. The central idea is that a local church will accept a carefully defined responsibility for a specific refugee family that is to settle in the community where the church is located.

The main features of the plan are as follows:

1. Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk will serve as the official connecting link between the local churches and the national organizations which are serving the refugees arriving in this country under the quota law. These organizations are The American Committee for Christian German Refugees (with which the American Friends Service Committee coöperates closely) and the National Refugee Service, Inc. The former is responsible for Christian refugees; the latter deals chiefly with Jewish refugees.

2. A congregation which is willing to sponsor a refugee family may express its preference as to whether the family should be (a) Protestant, (b) Jewish, (c) a family resulting from a mixed marriage.

3. Wherever possible the parish agrees to assume the following responsibilities for a refugee family (or individual) in its community:

- (a) Give friendly help to the family in becoming adjusted to its new environment, including its relation to schools, community agencies, cultural and medical facilities, business and industrial life.
- (b) Support the family for a limited period to be agreed upon in advance, perhaps three months, in case remunerative employment is not secured. The amount of such financial assistance will naturally depend upon the size of the family.
4. When a local church has indicated its readiness to

coöperate in this project Dr. Van Kirk will personally confer with the resettlement officials of the American Committee for Christian German Refugees or of the National Refugee Service, Inc., and arrange for the assignment of the refugee family (or individual) to the church under the conditions agreed upon.

5. In case the refugee does not become satisfactorily adjusted or earn his living in the new community, and the local church is not willing to continue to carry a further responsibility for him, Dr. Van Kirk will negotiate with the appropriate national organization with a view to making the required adjustments.

6. So far as possible the national organizations will meet any preferences which local churches may express as to the type of refugee to be assigned to them, with special reference to previous occupational or professional experience and qualifications.

Churches which are interested are invited to correspond with Dr. Van Kirk, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York, concerning more detailed arrangements. It is hoped that the plan will result in the successful resettlement of hundreds of refugee families in a great number of American communities without putting an undue burden on any community.

### NEW LEADERS FOR CHRISTIAN REFUGEES

Wyman Z. Fuller, formerly director of the special gifts committee of the Greater New York Fund, and Miss Evelyn W. Hersey, prominent social work leader of Philadelphia, have joined the executive staff of the American Committee for Christian German Refugees. The resignation of Frank Ritchie, who was executive director from the establishment of the organization in 1935, on account of poor health, has been accepted "with deepest regret, but with gratitude for his great contribution to the work." He becomes a member of the National Executive Committee.

Miss Hersey, as indicated in the September BULLETIN, will direct the Personal Service Division at 165 West 46th Street, New York, while Mr. Fuller will carry on the financial operations at the Committee's headquarters at 287 Fourth Avenue. An executive of the International Institute of Philadelphia from 1928, she was previously associated with the Y.W.C.A. in Baltimore, Md., and Lowell, Mass.

Mr. Fuller comes to his work from a business background, having been formerly a sales and advertising executive. More recently he has been engaged in efforts for the financial support of social work, including the

Unemployment Relief Campaign of 1932, in New York, Family Welfare campaigns, and the Greater New York Fund.

Today there are some 2,100 individuals in this country who are part of the Committee's "case load." In addition, there are many thousands abroad, in "countries of transit"—neutral nations, which accept refugees only temporarily—to whom emergency help must be given until they are permanently settled.

A special appeal is being made to the churches to help the Christian refugees in connection with the Thanksgiving Day observance.

## Twenty-five Years of Unity on the Canal Zone

**I**N August the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the Panama Canal to traffic was celebrated. Six months earlier, on January 25, 1939, the Union Church of the Canal Zone celebrated its Silver Jubilee. At the largely-attended dinner on that date four of the charter members were present, including Mr. W. H. Kromer, Comptroller of the Canal Zone and President of the General Council of the Union Church.

Soon after the digging of the Canal began workers in the construction camps took the initiative in planning Christian service for the employees and their families. The Isthmian Commission gave assistance by appointing a chaplain and furnishing halls for religious work. Six Protestant and two Catholic chaplains were carried on the rolls of the Canal staff. When, in 1913, the service of the chaplains was discontinued the Christian laymen were equal to the occasion. On January 25, 1914, twenty-five of them met and adopted a constitution for a union church, as a means of securing effective unity and avoiding denominational competition. Eventually there have come to be five union congregations, located at Balboa, Cristobal, Pedro Miguel, Gatun and Gamboa.

The annual meeting of the General Council of the Union Church last January was held at Gamboa, a new town. The records showed there is a total membership of 906, a Sunday school enrollment of 1195 and disbursements totaling \$15,937.60.

When it became necessary in 1918 to erect permanent church edifices, representatives of the Union Church came to the Federal Council of Churches for help and a Committee on Religious Work on the Canal Zone was appointed, consisting of secretaries of mission boards and laymen.

More than \$225,000 has been raised for the erection of four churches and parsonages. The money has come from three sources: the citizens on the Canal Zone, the denominational boards and individuals living in the States. Of this amount the boards have appropriated \$73,400, a remarkable demonstration of the spirit of Christian unity. The largest amount has been raised through personal solicitation in the States.

Dr. and Mrs. Guild were on the Zone for five weeks last winter as the special representatives of the Federal Council's Committee. During that time Dr. Guild dedicated the two new churches which had been built recently at Pedro Miguel and Gatun. He also conducted the first regular service of the Gamboa Church, which meets for the present in the Clubhouse.

A fine spirit of comity marks the relations with the Protestant Episcopal Church. The Union Church has no church in Ancon and the Episcopal Church has no church in Balboa. Rt. Rev. Harry Beal, the Episcopal Bishop, has proposed that the Episcopal Church join with the Union Church in the erection of the new church at Gamboa. The people of Gamboa, the Council of the Union Church and the Committee of the Federal Council are in hearty sympathy with the proposed plan. The erection of such a church will be an auspicious beginning for the second twenty-five years of united effort.

Roy B. GUILD.

### New Films for Churches

A new one-reel 16 mm. film entitled "Footsteps," picturing the life of the nurses who serve the American Red Cross, is offered for church use free, except for actual shipping expenses. Requests for it should be sent to Douglas Griesemer, Director of Public Relations, American Red Cross, 19 East 47th St., New York.

The Harmon Foundation, in coöperation with the Africa Committee of the Foreign Missions Conference, has produced a group of three films on Africa. They are "The Story of Bamba," depicting the response to Christian missionary work in the Belgian Congo; "Ngono and Her People," presenting a panorama of African village life, and "Song after Sorrow," describing activities at the Bibanga Leper Colony. Two other films are soon to follow, one portraying the life of a missionary in Africa, the other dealing with the resources and raw materials of Africa. These are made available at nominal cost and full details will be furnished by the Harmon Foundation, 140 Nassau Street, New York.

# Exhibit of Work With Students

**W**E believe that the most astonishing thing about the colleges in America is their growth, that their most unconscious change is their gradual secularization, and that this need not matter fundamentally if the Church will do its part in every academic community." These ideas and the facts to support them are dramatically expressed in an exhibit prepared by the Church Society for College Work of the Protestant Episcopal Church, at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, New York. More than fifty wall-size panels, dioramas, and most ingenious electrical and mechanical displays present the scope and challenge of student work.

The exhibit was originally prepared for the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church in 1937, and has been used almost continuously since that time under various auspices for Episcopal, Lutheran and Presbyterian groups.

The 1,275,000 college students of America, the work being done by the churches for them, the problems which they face, their attitudes and experiences, are presented

with sympathy and accuracy. The observer stops before one panel which asks him for the moment to pretend he is an entering freshman. He goes down a line of full-sized figures. As he shakes the hand of each, a greeting is flashed. The first says, "I'm taking subscriptions for the college newspaper"; another, "I am your freshman adviser. If there is anything I can do, let me know." The last, "Won't you come to our fraternity for lunch?" "But," the observer is asked, "Where is the Church on the student's first day or even first month at college? Is our business as important as the tailor's?"

The exhibit is recommended both as an excellent statement of the philosophy of church work with students, and as an example of clarity and fine restraint in graphic presentation. The University Christian Mission is indebted to it in the interpretation of its objectives.

Photographs of the exhibit have been printed in a large booklet, "Ideas Make History," which may be obtained for fifty cents from the Church Society for College Work, 3805 Locust Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

## Labor Sunday Observance

**T**HE Toledo (O.) Council of Churches again put on an impressive Labor Sunday broadcast, including hymns, Scripture, prayer and round-table addresses by Rev. Harold L. Davis, Chairman of the Industrial Relations Department of the Council, and Messrs. J. N. Stein, Harry Graves, Otto Brach and Earle S. Smith, representing American farmers, organized labor, coöperatives and employers.

At Wichita, Kan., a significant outdoor service was conducted in Riverside Park. The speaker was Dr. Charles Durden, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Omaha and chaplain of the Central Labor Union of that city. A joint committee representing the Wichita Council of Churches and the Central Labor Union planned the service.

A union service of the Reformed, Presbyterian and Methodist Churches was held in St. George, Staten Island, conducted by Rev. John H. Warnshuis. Rev. James Myers, Industrial Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, preached the sermon, in which he declared that "organized labor can be counted upon as one of the major influences to keep America out of war." "In order to save democracy, and in order to save the labor union movement itself from destruction," Mr. Myers said, "America must stay out of war. By staying out of war we shall preserve in a ruined world the freedom of labor and the ideals of democracy and be in a position to help rebuild civilization once more."

A total of 52,000 copies of the 1939 Labor Sunday Message were distributed, chiefly by denominational agencies and state and local councils of churches. Of this number, 11,000 were in the blank cover-page format used by local churches desiring to print their own order of service on the cover-page.

From information thus far at hand, it appears that the new release date of the Message to the secular newspapers was effective, the Message being printed on Labor Day at the same time as reports of sermons and of Labor Sunday observances in the churches.

## Universal Bible Sunday

Universal Bible Sunday, sponsored annually by the American Bible Society, will be observed this year on the second Sunday in Advent, December 10. The theme is "The Truth That Makes Men Free." A striking poster, illustrating this subject, drawn by the well-known artist, Rockwell Kent, will be mailed, with other appropriate material, early in November to more than 100,000 pastors throughout the United States and to the Bible Society's twelve foreign agencies for distribution to churches in their areas. A brochure, also entitled "The Truth That Makes Men Free," prepared by Dr. John Alexander Mackay, President of Princeton Theological Seminary, is included in the material. Dr. Mackay's subject matter treats of the relation of the Bible to human freedom.

# European Churches Under the Cross of War

**I**N 1922 there was held at Copenhagen a conference of church representatives to consider the situation in Europe after the World War. The survey showed the discouraging proportion of only five "helping countries" over against fifteen countries severely stricken by the war. The benevolent work of the churches, expressed in hospitals, orphanages, and other social services, was so badly hit that the survival of even a portion of it is a miracle. Theological training generally was gravely affected by the disappearance of funds in the inflation. The lack of Protestant clergy in many countries was appalling; the survivors were undernourished and harassed by the unequal struggle of making small fixed salaries conform to the fantastic *valuta* of the new currencies.

That was the state of affairs after a war which descended upon nations with ample reserves of men and money. The outbreak of war in 1939 finds nations still exhausted from the previous struggle, currencies more or less artificially sustained, reserves of all kinds low or non-existent. Persecution and civil war have combined to create a refugee problem which is comparable to the exodus from Russia of 1929; Church and State have clashed in a disastrous conflict. The harvest of dragon's teeth sown in 1914 is not yet reaped and already a new crop is being sown.

At the close of the Copenhagen Conference the Central Bureau for Relief of the Evangelical Churches of Europe was founded to gather up and administer aid. For seventeen years the Bureau has been supplying relief in all sorts of emergencies. It has furnished scholarships, books and monetary loans to assist in rebuilding the depleted ministry. It has championed the cause of religious minorities, aided new evangelical movements which sprang up during the revival of religious feeling after the war, coöperated with other agencies in handling migrations and refugee problems. Its archives have become an index of the condition of the churches in not only the original "stricken" countries, but also in the "helping" countries.

Shortly before the present crisis came to a head, the International Committee of the Central Bureau (known in Europe as the Central Bureau for Interchurch Aid) met at Clarens, in Switzerland. On the opening day, the announcement of the Russo-German pact sent French and American delegates to Geneva to catch trains to Paris and the channel ports, before mobilization should close the frontiers. With grave hearts the remaining members summed up their discussions in the following resolution:

"The Executive Committee of the Central Bureau for Interchurch Aid meeting at Clarens in a moment of uttermost tension, hopes that peace may be preserved to the world. Should war, however, again divide the world into hostile camps, the

Church of Jesus Christ must not lose her inner unity amid such conflicts. She has, under all circumstances, the duty of standing with her members in prayer and with all the mutual aid that circumstances may allow. We therefore urge our church constituencies to maintain and support as far as possible our work of evangelical solidarity, and mutually to strengthen their faith that love is stronger than hatred.

"The Central Bureau, including representatives of the evangelical churches and church federations of the whole world, respectfully offers to all the churches its services in exchanging information and distributing aid."

In view of the fact that for some time various churches have observed Reformation Sunday (October 29) by giving consideration to the needs of the European Evangelical churches, or of minority groups in special distress, the American Committee of the Central Bureau urges that this year the day be, more than ever, made one of special prayer and giving. No one can foresee what the immediate effect of the war will be on the churches as such. If the World War and the Spanish civil war be any criteria, this renewed disaster will bear down very heavily on them. Switzerland is already inundated with refugees, and the Central Bureau will have to do its part to meet the emergency.

The clouds are thick and the storm is furious, but the principles of the Reformation are still our *Magna Charta*. We are still fighting the same battles of freedom. Could we do a better thing than to celebrate, once again, the anniversary of that great Reformation, remembering our brethren overseas who are paying such a price for their faith today. The prayerful, generous and sacrificial support of all American churches is earnestly desired.

WILLIAM HIRAM FOULKES, *Chairman,*  
*American Committee, Central Bureau for Relief*

(Special printed matter is in preparation for Reformation Day. It may be ordered by writing to the Central Bureau for Relief, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York.)

## Church Women Plan Union

A proposal for the unification of three interdenominational agencies of church women through their merger in a single body is now under consideration by the National Council of Church Women, the Council of Women for Home Missions and the Committee on Woman's Work of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America.

At the annual meeting of the National Council of Church Women, held at Lake Geneva, Wis., July 6-9, the plan for this merger was officially approved. If similar approval is given by the other two bodies and also by the women's boards which are the constituent units of the Council of Women for Home Missions, an important advance in interdenominational unity will be effected. The new President of the National Council of Church Women, succeeding Miss Daisy June Trout, resigned, is Miss Mary C. Smith of Minneapolis, Minn.

# Christian Unity in Concrete Projects

**T**HROUGH the Home Missions Council and the Council of Women for Home Missions several outstanding examples of a united administration of projects of Christian service have been developed. The experience of three decades of consultation and conference in home missionary work has led to the point where an actual pooling of the interests and resources of several denominations in certain undertakings has proved feasible.

One group of projects consists of a union program both of worship and of practical service in four new communities which are being developed in connection with engineering undertakings of the United States Government. In 1931 a community church with an all-round weekday program was begun at Boulder Dam, Colo. In 1935 a similar project was undertaken in Bonneville, Ore., now under the direction of the Oregon Council of Churches and reporting to the Home Missions Council. Another similar enterprise is maintained at the Grand Coulee Dam, where a church and a parsonage have been built and the services include not only Sunday worship and Sunday School but a Daily Vacation Bible School, Young People's Society and a Mothers' Club. At Shasta,

the newest of the dams, the churches in the nearest community are coöperating, under the stimulus of the Home Missions Council, in a united program.

The work of the Council of Women for Home Missions in behalf of migrant workers in the seasonal agricultural industries is a conspicuously successful program of united effort. Starting originally in 1920 as a simple program of friendly help to the neglected children of migrant families, the program has developed until there are now fully fifty projects in fourteen states with activities for all ages. This year the Home Missions Councils have introduced a new service furnishing teams of workers—a socially-minded minister, his wife and a Christian nurse—who move into migrant areas for a crop season and develop a well-rounded ministry of religious and social welfare for the migrant families.

Still another type of united work is that of maintaining religious work directors in five Indian schools of the United States Government. These are Sherman Institute, Riverside, Calif.; Salem Indian School, Chemawa, Ore.; Flandreau Indian School, Flandreau, S. D.; Albuquerque Indian School, Albuquerque, N. M., and Haskell Institute, Lawrence, Kan.

## Fall Program of Religious Radio

Eight popular religious programs return to the air in October over the networks of the National Broadcasting Company, under the sponsorship of the Federal Council of Churches and city and state councils from coast to coast.

"The Radio Pulpit" conducted by Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, pastor of Christ Church, New York, and "National Vespers" with Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick, pastor of Riverside Church, will again be heard on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. respectively.

"Religion and the New World," an interpretation of social trends, by Dr. Joseph Sizoo, pastor of the Collegiate Church of St. Nicholas, will be broadcast each Monday at 12:30.

"Our Spiritual Life," featuring Dr. John Southerland Bonnell, pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, will be heard on Tuesdays at the same hour.

"The Truth That Makes Men Free," with Dr. Francis C. Stifler, editorial secretary of the American Bible Society, comes on Wednesday.

"Timeless Truths Made Timely" with Dr. Christopher Jeffares McCombe, pastor of the Church of St. Paul and St. Andrew, will be presented on Thursdays.

"Opportunity," a program of inspirational addresses designed mainly for youth and conducted by Dr. Daniel A. Foling, pastor of the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, will be broadcast each Friday.

"The Call to Youth" will be conducted by Dr. Alfred Grant Walton, pastor of the Tompkins Avenue Congregational Church, Brooklyn, on Saturdays.

These six week-day programs all come at 12:30.

Saturday evenings at 6:30 "Religion in the News" will be "edited by" Dr. Walter Van Kirk of the Federal Council's staff.

## Moravians and the World Council

The list of American churches which have joined the World Council of Churches, printed in the September BULLETIN, should have contained a reference to the Moravians. The Executive Board of the Provincial Synod has voted unanimously to accept the invitation and has made an appropriation toward the annual budget. The action of the Executive Board still requires final confirmation by the Synod, when it meets in 1941, but the active coöperation of the Moravian Church is clearly assured. The Moravian Church, though small in numbers, has a world-wide reputation for its missionary spirit.

Dr. W. A. Visser 't Hooft, General Secretary of the Provisional Committee of the World Council of Churches, had expected to be in the United States fulfilling engagements in various cities in the month of October. On account of the outbreak of war he has had to postpone his visit. Friends of the World Council will be gratified to know that in spite of the acute political strain in

Europe the Provisional Committee of the World Council continues to function. In fact, it is expected that its work will be increased rather than lessened by the vicissitudes of war.

### Coöperation for Better Family Life

The Inter-Council Committee on Christian Family Life representing the Federal Council, the International Council of Religious Education and the National Council of Church Women, held its first meeting at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, July 12-15, in connection with the United Christian Adult Movement. This Committee has been created to facilitate coöperative efforts of these three bodies in the field of family life and to make a more united impact upon the nation. The officers are L. Foster Wood, Chairman; Harry C. Munro, Secretary. Other members present at these meetings were Mrs. H. W. Crowe, Mrs. D. M. Phipps, Mrs. Arthur C. Elliott, Professor Paul H. Vieth, Mr. C. W. Longman, and Rev. Edward P. Westphal.

### "Current Aspects of Race"

A packet containing program outlines and selected materials for church study groups is now ready for distribution and may be secured for 35 cents from the Federal Council's Department of Race Relations.

The nine leaflets in the packet cover a wide range of interest, including a bulletin on propaganda analysis, scientific facts in regard to race, material on refugees and Jews in American life, the special number of the Federal Council's Information Service entitled "Current Manifestations of Organized Anti-Semitism," and some searching material on the Christian attitude toward racial intolerance. Five different types of program meeting are outlined and suggestions are made for further church and community action.

Besides being useful for adult and young people's groups the packet will be of helpful service to pastors who are looking for concise and accurate information to help combat the growth of anti-Semitism.

### News of Old-Time Friends

Dr. Sidney L. Gulick, Secretary Emeritus of the Federal Council's Department of International Justice and Goodwill, now resident in Honolulu, was the guest of the Council at a luncheon in his honor in New York on September 6. Dr. Gulick is working on a new volume on "East and West."

Dr. Worth M. Tippy, Secretary Emeritus of the Department of the Church and Social Service, was involved in an automobile accident from which he happily escaped without serious injury. Mrs. Tippy, who accompanied him, suffered injuries from which she is now recovering. They are to reside this winter in Arlington, Va.

Dr. Roy B. Guild, Secretary Emeritus of the Field Department, after several weeks in New York, has returned to his home in Winter Park, Fla. He is carrying the responsibility for the Committee on Religious Work on the Canal Zone and hopes soon to initiate a movement for erecting a union church at the new community of Gamboa.

Dr. Charles S. Macfarland, General Secretary Emeritus, is active in literary work. His volume, "I Was in Prison," is reviewed in this issue. The leading article in the *American Mercury* for September, entitled "Hitler or Christ," was from his pen.

### "In Business for Service"

This is the title of a chapter written by Rev. James Myers, Industrial Secretary of the Federal Council, in a forthcoming symposium entitled "The Quest for God Through Service," edited by P. Henry Lotz and Frank G. Lankard. Mr. Myers' chapter is a valuable discussion of the religious implications of consumers' coöperation. Reprints of this chapter may be had for 5 cents each.

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## Another Pioneer Passes

Rev. Martyn Summerbell, President of Palmer Institute, Lakemont, N. Y., from 1898 to 1935, and one of the charter members of the Federal Council of Churches, died on September 12 at the age of ninety-one. First as a minister of the Christian Church (now merged in the Congregational-Christian body) and later as an educator, he was intensely interested in Christian unity and took an active part in the movement that led to the creation of the Federal Council. For many years he seldom missed a meeting of the Council or of its Executive Committee.

## Pamphlets by Stanley Jones

For special use in connection with the University Christian Mission, but of equal value for general distribution in the churches, two pamphlets have been written by Dr. E. Stanley Jones on "How Can I Find God?" and "How Can I Make My Personal Religion Socially Effective?" Written in Dr. Jones' popular style, they are solid treatises on basic issues of the Christian life. They are available from the Federal Council's Department of Evangelism at 5 cents per copy, \$4.00 per hundred for widespread circulation.

# NEWS OF STATE AND LOCAL COÖPERATION

### Philadelphia Emphasizes Citizenship

The Philadelphia Federation of Churches, through an especially appointed Commission of Fifteen, held a meeting in June, attended by five hundred ministers and official lay representatives of the churches of the city, in the interest of arousing Philadelphia Protestants to a larger sense of their civic responsibility. Philadelphians hold that their city has a larger percentage of Protestants than any other metropolitan center in America, but that the percentage of Protestant people who actively interest themselves in civic affairs is exceedingly small, with the result that minority groups exercise an undue control. The meeting resulted in the creation of the "League for Protestant Action." Its specific objective is to see that every church member in the Federation's constituency registers, is informed as to issues and candidates, and votes. The organization is entirely non-partisan, it declares it will never support any party or candidates, and it describes itself as merely an effort to preserve our historic representative form of government.

Dr. Nathan R. Melhorn, Editor of *The Lutheran*, is the Chairman of the League.

### Willis Ford New Executive in Scranton

Mr. Emery M. Nelson, the general secretary of the United Churches of Scranton and Lackawanna County, has accepted a flattering offer to return to the service of the Young Men's Christian Association and has become general secretary of the Association in Chester, Pa. Mr. Nelson has been called to this post with the expectation that he will give strong emphasis to the development of the religious program of the Y.M.C.A. Mr. Nelson became the executive of the Lackawanna County Council in 1934, shortly after it was organized, and has served it continuously until this year.

Mr. Nelson is now succeeded as executive secretary in Scranton by Rev. Willis R.

Ford, who for the last three years has been associate secretary there. Mr. Ford comes to his work out of a background of special experience in religious education.

### Kansas City's Year of Preparation for Christian Mission

On September 29 the Kansas City Council of Churches inaugurated its "Year of Preparation" for the National Christian Mission whose itinerary is to begin in that city a year hence. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, well known radio preacher, and Dr. Jesse M. Bader, director of the National Christian Mission, were the leaders in the program.

Under the guidance of Dr. J. W. McDonald, general secretary of the Kansas City Council, the whole program of coöperative effort during the next twelve months is to focus around the National Christian Mission. Primary emphasis is being laid upon reaching un-reached groups and areas in the life of the city and the surrounding territory, such as the public schools, the service clubs, women's clubs, social agencies, minority racial groups, municipal officials, business and labor. A "Fellowship of Prayer," promoted by use of the radio and the press, is being developed, in which thousands of Christians are being asked to unite their intercessions for specific objectives outlined in the Mission.

At the meeting on September 29 Dr. Sockman addressed a great gathering in the Municipal Auditorium, attended by officers and selected representatives of the churches in and near Kansas City, including women and youth groups. On the morning of the same day a Convocation of Ministers was held and in the afternoon leaders from other parts of Missouri and Kansas City were invited to meet in conference on the program.

### Loss of Former Leaders

On May 30, Dr. William B. Millar, who was general secretary of the Greater New York Federation of Churches for thirteen

years until his resignation in 1934, terminated a notable career in Christian service. Prior to taking up the federation work, Dr. Millar had been a distinguished Y.M.C.A. secretary. In connection with his Y.M.C.A. service, he organized the departments of service to the men in the army and navy.

Mr. Wilfred L. Smithies, who was executive secretary of the Duluth (Minn.) Council of Churches for twenty years, died on May 20. Mr. Smithies came into coöperative work with a layman's background, having been an insurance man for many years.

Rev. George L. Ford, who served the Youngstown (Ohio) Federation of Churches with marked success as executive secretary from 1925 to 1931, and the Scranton (Pa.) Council from 1932 to 1934, died on August 13, 1939. At the time of his death he was serving as acting secretary of the Youngstown Federation in an interim following the death of Dr. Batman earlier this year.

### Bowden of St. Paul Retires

Mr. R. W. Bowden, the executive secretary of the Ramsey County (Minn.) Sunday School Association for the last twenty-two years, has announced his decision to retire from active service at the end of this year. Mr. Bowden is one of the pioneers in Christian coöperation in the Northwest, having come to the leadership of the Ramsey County organization when it was first organized and having served it continuously ever since. Under his leadership the Ramsey County Sunday School Association became in effect a council of churches for the city of St. Paul and the surrounding area. Mr. Bowden has been looked to for active leadership in many types of church service not ordinarily carried on by a Sunday school association, and his work has been so esteemed that the churches of the city have felt that the extension of the program of the Sunday School Association was a sounder path of advance in coöperation than the organization of a separate council of churches.

## Religious Education Week in New York

For Religious Education Week, September 24 to October 1, the Greater New York Federation of Churches conducted a one-day conference for church workers and parents on the general theme, "The Task of the Christian Community in the Modern World." The morning was devoted to a consideration of worship for children and young people and the presentation of weekday-school courses and training courses for weekday workers. The early half of the afternoon discussed family and parent education, with an address by Dr. Oliver M. Butterfield on "The Task of Church and Home," and five discussion groups dealing with various aspects of this theme. The latter half of the afternoon was set aside for three group forums on religious drama, followed by a presentation of the play, *Florence Nightingale*, by a group of girls from a church school of the city. The evening program was divided into departmental groups, made up respectively of adult workers, leaders in young people's work, general superintendents of Sunday schools and intermediate, junior, primary, and nursery departments. The day came to a close with a prophetic address by Dr. A. J. Muste, Minister of the Labor Temple, on "The Task of the Christian Community in the Modern World."

## Worcester (Mass.) Features Religion and Health

The Worcester (Mass.) Council of Churches is the first city council to inaugurate a Department of Religion and Health. It has as its secretary Rev. Carroll Wise, who is chaplain of the State Hospital in that city. As its initial activity the Department sent a letter to all local clergymen indicating that it is prepared to counsel with them about problems arising in their personal ministry. A ten weeks' course for pastors in connection with the problems of those who are ill in body or mind was offered which had an enrolment of thirty. As a research project in pastoral problems the Department has invited individual clergymen to report carefully, over a period of six months, on the individuals who come to them for consultation. Arrangements are being made for a series of radio talks on religion and mental health over the local station.

## Kansas City Radio Program

The Kansas City Council of Churches has developed an extensive program of re-

ligious broadcasting, utilizing the four stations of that city. Over WDAF there is a program of "News from the Churches" on Sunday morning at 7:45 conducted by Dr. J. W. McDonald, the executive of the Council. Each weekday morning from the same station there is a program of morning worship led by the different ministers of the city. Over KCMO there is a Sunday morning program which at the present time is featuring dramatic sketches and a daily program weekdays at 8:45 led by ministers of the city. Over KITE a program for each day of the week including Sundays centers around religious education. Over KMBC there is an exposition of the Sunday School Lesson.

## Manual on Scouting Program in Churches

The Protestant Committee on Scouting, under the chairmanship of Dr. William Chalmers Covert, former Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly, and the secretaryship of Ray O. Wyland, has brought out an important manual entitled "The Scout Program in Protestant Churches." It includes both an interpretation of the educational significance of the Boy Scouts in the program of the Church and also practical suggestions as to methods of making the Scout program more effective. A chapter is devoted to the integration of the Scout program with the total program of religious education in the local church. The manual can be secured for 15 cents from the Boy Scouts of America, 2 Park Avenue, New York.

## St. Louis in Great Armistice Day Program

Under the auspices of the "Peace Council of Greater St. Louis," which commands the active interest of the churches, Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish, plans are being made for an educational campaign centering in Armistice Day. Last year a poll of public opinion on issues of war and peace was conducted which aroused wide attention. Stimulated by this success, the Council has projected an enlarged program for this year. It contemplates hundreds of group meetings, each of eleven people, on November 11, at eleven o'clock. At each meeting a radio broadcast is received, planned in advance by the Council, consisting of a memorial and religious program followed by a radio forum in which messages analyzing issues of American foreign policy are presented. After discussion each person fills out a blank recording his own views. A luncheon "recalling the privations of war-time" is served, and each guest con-

tributes eleven cents for the work of the Peace Council. Other cities which are interested in the plan may secure detailed information from Mrs. Eugene T. Senseney, Educational Chairman, Peace Council of Greater St. Louis, 915 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo.

## New York Features Religious Drama

The Religious Drama Council was inaugurated by the Greater New York Federation of Churches eight years ago as a means of giving guidance to local churches interested in the use of drama in worship and religious education. Since that time it has conducted four playwriting contests, sponsored many demonstration programs and held religious drama festivals. This year it conducted the first "Religious Drama Institute" in New York, with classes held on four different evenings at the Madison Avenue Baptist Church. One hundred persons enrolled, representing sixty different churches. One outgrowth of the Institute was the production of an Easter play, "In the House of the Other Mary."

## Brooklyn Statistics

In a small folder entitled "What is Federation?" the Brooklyn Church and Mission Federation gives a terse summary of some of its activities in the following bits of statistical information covering the year 1938:

- 1—7,000 children in 138 Daily Vacation Bible Schools and Week-day Schools of Christian Education
- 2—739 delinquent girls and children aided
- 3—3,115 families assisted in relief and unemployment
- 4—14,750 personal interviews conducted
- 5—3,120 hospital calls made by chaplains
- 6—193,620 total attendance at 3,702 club and class sessions
- 7—49,225 total attendance at 469 religious services
- 8—3,190 visits made in homes
- 9—250 total planning sessions in conferences and by commissions
- 10—242 different secular and non-denominational agencies contacted.

## Chicago Issues Church Directory

The 14th edition of the Year Book and Directory of the Chicago Church Federation, which came from press a few weeks ago, is a volume of 150 pages. In addition to giving a record of the service and organization of the Federation, it presents a

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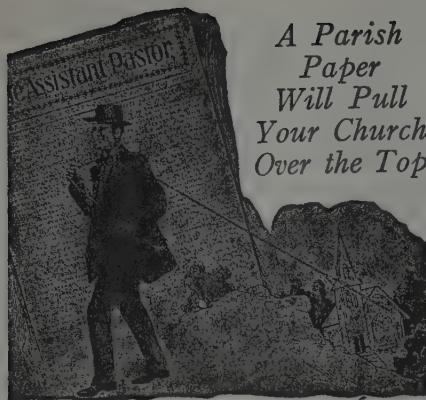
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## AMONG THE NEW BOOKS

### On Marriage and the Home

**MARRIAGE AND THE FAMILY.** By Ray E. Baber. McGraw-Hill Book Company, Inc. \$4.00.

**LOVE PROBLEMS OF ADOLESCENCE.** By Oliver M. Butterfield. Emerson Books. \$2.00.

**LOVE, MARRIAGE, AND PARENTHOOD.** By Grace Sloan Overton. Harper's. \$2.00.

These three important books by members of the Federal Council's Committee on Marriage and the Home have recently come from the press.

Professor Ray Baber, of Pomona College, has prepared a text for college classes in the McGraw-Hill series of publications in sociology. The book is based upon extensive experience as a teacher and as a student of family life in the Orient as well as the Occident. The text is comprehensive and is written with clarity and insight. It envisages family problems of today against a background of the many forms which the family has taken in its long history. An enlightening chapter on early American family life is included. The maze of marriage laws, the various systems of mate-selection, and the changing types of husband-wife and parent-child relations are

carefully treated. The author has himself for years been studying problems of mate-selection with large numbers of young people. The effect of the new status of women and the new freedom of youth upon the family receives attention. Such problems as divorce, eugenics, family limitation, constructive family living, and the conservation of family values make it a well-rounded treatment of great value for college classes.

Dr. Butterfield's book is one of the Teachers College (Columbia University) Contributions to Education. It is based upon his study of 1129 young people in 24 groups. These contacts with groups are supplemented by cases from the author's extensive counseling experience. The book reveals the interest of young people in a wide range of vital issues such as starting boy and girl friendships, making a good impression, standards of behavior, keeping steady company, what 'teen-age love means, standards for mate-selection and the various questions which arise during engagement. The section on sexual ignorance is impressive. The author points out that while most of the questions arise during early adolescence, if they are not adequately answered at that time they tend to be dragged along, confusing the thinking and behavior of the late teens and twenties. The author finds that sexual experimentation before marriage militates against the success of marriage and cites other authoritative studies in this field.

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Mrs. Overton has written for young adults, making much use of case illustrations. She is keenly aware of the new situations which young people are meeting. This side of the question, in fact, has received more attention in our time than the equally important fact of continuity between the past and the present, which is the other side of a scientific view of any problem.

The various chapters present an array of problems which create a vivid sense of need of better education for marriage and family life. There are many clear suggestions of principles with reference to which these new problems are to be met. The book will disturb the complacency of thoughtless parents and will put them in a mood to look at many questions from a new angle. There is a fine approach to such matters as family fellowship, religious values and improvement of family patterns over those of the past. Appreciation of the forthright attack of youth upon these problems is tempered by a sense of the need of mature insight in their solution.

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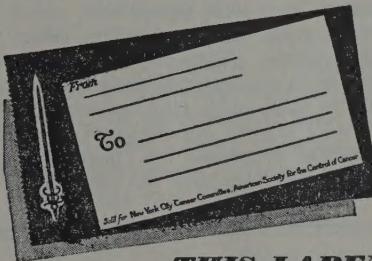
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This plea for carefully planned preaching will be of unusual interest to readers of the BULLETIN because it is dedicated to the Federal Council's Committee on Worship, of which the author is an esteemed member, and because it is, in effect, an interpretation of preaching as related to the calendar of the Christian Year, adopted by the Federal Council.

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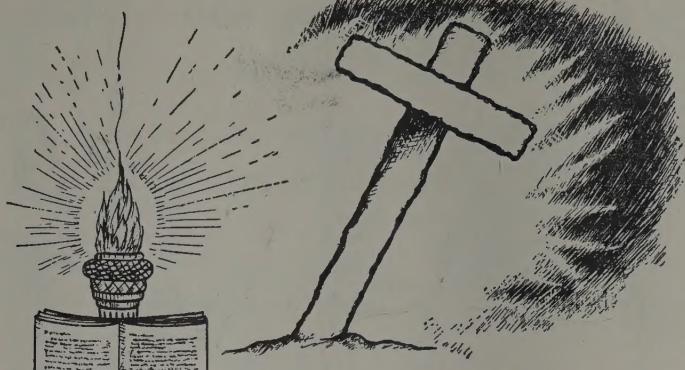
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